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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: **Resolutions recognizing the community's work to update the neighborhood plans and create the work plans for Othello, North Rainier and North Beacon Hill**

We are at the threshold of moving from planning to implementation in three neighborhoods in southeast Seattle: Othello, North Rainier and North Beacon Hill. The approval of these resolutions recognizing the community's work updating their neighborhood plans and prioritizing the strategies and action steps in the action plans will make this transition official.

Neighborhood Plan Updates:

- Through an innovative and award winning engagement process that included participation by over 1,600 community members, including many from historically under-represented communities, the Neighborhood Plan Updates are complete.
- These documents affirm the Vision statements from the original Plans and refreshed the Goals, Policies and Strategies to reflect current conditions and involvement of a broader segment of the neighborhoods' populations.

The Action Plans:

- These documents are shared workplans that include the need for partnership among community members, the City and other agencies in order to bring about the communities' Vision and Goals.
- They include the full text of the Vision, Goals, Policies and Strategies from the update documents. In addition, they include those original Goals, Policies and Strategies that remain pertinent.
- They include Action Items that respond to the intersection of what we heard from the communities through the update process and the City's goals for vibrant, multi-modal neighborhoods that are supportive of the needs of existing communities – that the benefit of the public investment accrue to those who currently live and work in the neighborhoods as the area grows and evolves.



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- Community members prioritized the work through two May town hall meetings and through a web survey. 167 people (including 47 from historically underrepresented communities) attended the town hall meetings, 136 people participated on line.
- Each goal has an accompanying Action Team to implement the strategies and action steps within that goal. City staff will activate the appropriate action teams as they begin their work in that area.
- At the town hall meetings and through the online survey, community members signed up to participate on Action Teams. The community has demonstrated their commitment to implementing their plans. Across the three neighborhoods, there are 591 action team members!
- The City will work with the community to update the Action Plans. This process will note which items are complete as well as the community's priorities for the next strategies and action steps to develop the next edition of the workplan. In this way the Action Plans are meant to be live documents that can respond to the changing conditions and priorities for the duration of the updates.